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Paper to be requested from CIA on Soviet position in sulfur and pyrites.

For current COCOM discussions it is necessary to have as complete information as possible on the present Soviet position in sulfur and pyrites. We are accordingly requesting a CIA paper which would contain the following data with accompanying analysis:

Production, trade, consumption and requirements for total Soviet Bloc and for individual countries in the Bloc covering the period 1949 to the present, with similar data concerning estimated future requirements and production to the extent readily available. Since direct trade of the USSR with the West is insignificant and since total estimates for the USSR may be difficult to obtain, summary statistics may be in terms of the Bloc excluding USSR. Consumption is defined as production plus imports minus exports, plus or minus stock changes. Estimated requirements should so far as possible be described in terms of needs for specific end-items - reparations, stockpile, rayon, etc. Trade data on a summary basis should exclude trade within the Bloc. Individual country trade data should clearly segregate intra-regional trade from trade with the West. It will also be necessary to show separately in the case of each Western country (1) the exports according to official trade statistics and (2) the estimate of total trade, including covert and indirect exchanges as well as trade which would be reported officially. Since the COCOM countries in discussing this problem will undoubtedly refer to official data, the US delegation must have such a clear breakdown available for its background information.

Amounts of sulfur and pyrites committed under trade agreements for 1949-1952 should be indicated. This information can be supplied by Mr. Wayne if CIA does not have the data readily available.

Estimates of the degree to which imports of items such as super-phosphates relieves dependence or lack of such imports increases dependence on imported sulfur and pyrites should also be included.

Specific evidences of shortages should be indicated. Include the principal means and routes by which sulfur and pyrites enter the Soviet Bloc.

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The emphasis in this study should be on pyrites; elemental and other forms of sulfur should be mentioned only to the extent that they contribute significantly to meeting over-all requirements.

Documentation of all data should be as complete as possible in order to make this information as useful as possible for the purpose intended.

Mr. Wayne of our office will be available for consultation and assistance on this project.

To be of the greatest usefulness, this paper should be in our hands not later than the middle of April.

1 May

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